Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is there any objection to insert the date and time of opening the tenders in the notification?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There is absolutely no objection. Since the receipt of this question I have introduced the system.

Panchayat Roads.

379. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total length of roads maintained by Panchayats;

(b) the total amount allowed to the Panchayat for maintenance of these roads;

(c) whether these maintenance amounts are sanctioned according to any fixed standard;

(d) whether there have not been complaints from Panchayats regarding the inadequacy of amounts allowed for road maintenance?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) 545 miles.

(b) Rs. 18,701 for 1107 and Rs. 31,777 from 1108 onwards.

(c) Till now no fixed standard was adopted. From 1108 onwards, there will be a fixed rate for each mile according to the importance of the road concerned.

(d) Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(a) Is it the length of the road maintained to-day ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—This does not include the roads opened in 1106. We have opened 15 or 20 miles of roads in 1106. This list was submitted towards the close of 1106 and I was not able to include these roads also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezuthassan.—Am I to understand that Rs. 31,777 mentioned as the amount to be spent in 1108 is the amount to be spent upon these 545 miles or the 20 miles opened last year ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is only for this 545. As for the 20 miles I am preparing a supplementary list for submission to the Government.

Relief—Kole cultivators.

380. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether representations have not been received by the Government from kole cultivators in the State praying for relief to them;

(b) what is the revenue derived from kole lands in the State;

(c) what is the rate per acre;

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